



AFPC confirms security breach

Online trespassing compromises records of 169 at Whiteman

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force is notifying more than 33,000 Airmen that a security breach has occurred in the online Assignment Management System. A total of 169 Whiteman Airmen received an e-mail notifying them their records had been accessed said Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Sherwood, 509th Bomb Wing military personnel office superintendent.

The notification comes after Air Force Personnel Center officials here alerted Air Force and federal investigators to unusually high activity on a single user's AMS account in June.

AMS, an online program used for assignment preferences and career management, contains career information on officers and enlisted Airmen, as well as some

personal information such as birth dates and Social Security numbers, said Col. Lee Hall, director of assignments at AFPC. It does not contain personal addresses, phone numbers or specific information about family members.

A malicious user accessed about half of the officer force's individual information, while only a handful of noncommissioned officers were affected, said Lt. Col. John Clarke, AFPC deputy director of personnel data systems. The individual used a legitimate user's login information to access and/or download Airmen's personal information.

"We notified Airmen as quickly as we could while following criminal investigation procedures with the (Office of Special Investigations)" said Maj. Gen. Anthony. Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "Protecting Airmen's personal information is something we take very seriously, and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law."

"We notified the individuals involved,

How to combat online fraud

Listen up! If you get a notice that your personal information may have been compromised, taking certain steps quickly can minimize the potential for the theft of your identity.

If the stolen information includes your Social Security number, call the toll-free fraud number of any one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies and place an initial fraud alert on your credit reports. This alert can help stop someone from opening new credit accounts in your name.

■ **Equifax:** www.equifax.com

1-800-525-6285; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, Ga. 30374-0241

■ **Experian:** www.experian.com

1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3422); P.O. Box 2002, Allen, Texas 75013

■ **TransUnion:** www.transunion.com

1-800-680-7289; Fraud Victim Assistance Division
P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, Calif. 92834-6790



outlining what happened and how they can best insulate themselves from this potential risk," the general said. "We've taken steps to increase our system security. We're

working with all Air Force agencies to identify vulnerabilities. We must keep our

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New A-10 plan outlines future improvements

By 1st. Lt. David Cromwell

Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMANS) — The commanders at Aeronautical Systems Center and Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, formally recognized development system manager responsibility for the A-10 by signing the A-10 Fighter Program Transition Support Plan on Aug. 10.

The plan outlines the transition of DSM programs to ASC and also marks the official organization of the new A-10 Systems Squadron - a unit of the Fighter Attack Systems Wing here.

Overall system program management responsibilities will continue to reside with the 508th Aircraft Sustainment Wing at the Ogden ALC. The DSM will be responsible for running current and future development programs.

"The A-10 is somewhat unlike any other fighter in that it was considered in complete sustainment mode for so long," said Maj.

Joe Leonard, commander of the A-10 Systems Squadron.

"In order to keep the jet modern, viable and flying through 2028, the Air Force recognized that we needed to modernize the jet and give it an expandable avionics upgrade so we could add future capabilities as necessary. Our work just became so developmental in nature that it was time to shift some of the responsibility over to us."

Four of the programs that will transition to the A-10 Systems Squadron are Precision Engagement Spiral One and Spiral Two, the Propulsion Upgrade Program and the integration of the Cockpit Auxiliary Targeting System. Trial installation work for PE Spiral One began in March 2004, and it is currently in integration and testing. Initial fielding starts next fall with a follow on full-up field-

"This is an exciting time for the squadron."

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Home away from home



Courtesy photo

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — A hangar capable of housing two B-2s was unveiled Monday. The \$32.8 million facility can withstand typhoons of 170 miles per hour strength and major earthquakes. The concrete and steel hangar is cooled by an 800-ton air conditioning unit. Whiteman Airmen deployed to Andersen are scheduled to return this week.

Lt. Gen. Chilton sends message to new 8th Air Force

By Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton
8th Air Force Commander

I can't tell you how excited I am to be called to serve in Eighth Air Force. I've heard nothing but great things about the Mighty Eighth and its people, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to lead this great organization.

Eighth Air Force has seen a lot of changes over the past three years. A few of the milestones include opening the Strategic Air Forces Air & Space Operations Center, standing up the 608th Strategic Operations Squadron, activating 8th Air Force Detachment 1 and reopening the 8th Air Force Headquarters building after the devastating fire. Not to mention the successful execution of Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 04, Blue Flag 05, and the many exercises that proved your resolve. Through innovation you've taken this command to the leading edge of modern war fighting. You've made valuable contributions in the Global War on Terrorism and added to the proud heritage of 8th Air Force.

However, there is still much work to do. Many members of the Mighty Eighth

team are still deployed to southwest Asia in support of the Global War on Terrorism. We look forward to their safe return. In addition, the 8th Air Force team is already gearing up to lead Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment '06, and is set to participate in a number of upcoming U.S. Strategic Command exercises.

We also lead the way in the information battlespace. Our command is leading America's Information Operations experts who train to disrupt enemy communications and information systems in concert with aerospace power physically destroying enemy defenses and the will to fight.

This is a mission that will certainly continue to grow and evolve.

As we look to the future together, 8th Air Force will remain committed to three things: victory today, change for sustained dominance and readiness at all times. We are engaged today, we will continue to change as we have done throughout our history to maintain our dominance and we will be ready for tomorrow.

I look forward to working with the outstanding enlisted, officer and civilian professionals who make up the 8th Air Force team as we take on these chal-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Trina Flannigan

Gen. Ronald Keys, commander of Air Combat Command, passes the 8th Air Force flag to Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton, 8th AF commander, in a ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base Aug. 10.

lenges. I have full confidence that each and every one of you will join me in doing your duty while living our Air Force core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do, every day that we have the privilege to

serve the United States of America.

Again, it is truly an honor to serve with all of you, and become part of the rich heritage of professional service to our country that belongs to the "Mighty Eighth."

Commitment, communication secrets to healthy family

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Underwood
509th Bomb Wing Chaplain

What is the meaning of life? Fame? Fortune? Power? At the top of the list for most people is a strong, healthy family life.

It's great to see Mom and Dad hugging instead of fighting. Well-behaved children are the envy of every parent. There isn't more beautiful sound than the laughter of a family having fun together. These things, however, do not come automatically. They require a lot of really hard work from day to day on the part of every family member.

As a pastor and counselor for more than 30 years now, I have seen a lot of families in action. Some are very healthy, while others have some work to do. Some families are just plain sick and often do not know it! With divorce and family violence on the rise, it's obvious that something is broken. Allow me to share what I see as some secrets of a strong family.

Commitment to the marriage and family is the cornerstone of the home. To the fully committed person, nothing is more important than marriage and family other than God. Not career. Not fun. Not possessions. Absolutely nothing. I spoke with an engaged couple recently who said they are buying expensive wedding rings for each other, symbolizing the lifetime of commitment they are entering into.

This is the kind of value we must place on our home life every day. Like a diamond, commitment has a lot of facets. Every single family member is included. When one member is singing off their own sheet of music, it can make for



a miserable family life. Commitment includes the will power to stick it out when the times are rough. It also includes sexual fidelity. What happens on temporary duty assignments doesn't always stay there, but often ends up in the office of the chaplain, doctor or lawyer. Commitment includes a lot of things. Most of all, it is the will to make things work no matter what!

Appreciation and respect for one another is crucial in a healthy family. There is no room for cursing, mud-slinging and name-calling. One thing that cannot be allowed in the family is disrespect and demeaning talk, no matter how young or old you are. Yes, we all get angry sooner or later. Your differences must be worked out in civil ways if there is going to be peace and a positive environment. Say the words "I love you" daily. Compliment when there is reason to do so. Do something special sometime for no apparent reason! For the recipient the reason will be apparent, however. They will know they are loved and cherished.

This brings me to the subject of communication. I can give you all kinds of good rules for fighting fair. Timing is important. Being able to call a time-out when things get hot is essential. Before you open your mouth, ask yourself if you are making a mountain out of a molehill. Of all the guidelines I have ever read about and tried to practice, I find one to be tremendously overarching. It's the scriptural injunction to speak the truth in love. When you have something you need to say, find a way to say it in love. Until you can say it in love, don't say it at all! You will avoid a lot of hurt and anger by simply practicing this one rule of good communication.

One of the best gifts you can give your family is yourself. That is why spending time together is so crucial to

having a healthy family. Time together is the glue that bonds a family together. Sometimes you play together; sometimes you do a common chore together. Here is the stuff that a lifetime of memories, as well as a good photo album, is made of. I have heard people say they regret spending too much time at work or other things. But I have never heard anyone regret spending too much time with their family. May I suggest that you reserve one night a week for family fun and guard it fiercely. It will change your family forever.

Last and probably most important, spiritual wellness is a key ingredient in healthy families. I realize this is a hard subject for many people. How do you talk about an unseen force as great as God? Yet, time and time again this unseen power has changed lives, mended families and given strength in times of difficulty. There are a lot of outward things you can do to express your heart for God. Take turns saying grace at meal time. Attend a house of worship this weekend with your family. Do a short scripture study together once a week or more. Establish some of your own family traditions and rituals. Your kids will pass them to their kids. The religious faith that you establish and live out in your home will give your family security, joy and purpose that is unmatched.

What I have shared with you is proven to benefit your family in definite and immeasurable ways. You may need a jumpstart, however, in making these things happen and getting on the road to a healthier home. When your car needs repair, you go to your mechanic. When you have a cold or flu, you go to the doctor. All of us need help sometime or another. If your marriage or family is in disrepair, you may need to see the chaplain or counselor. We are anxious to help you in every way we can!

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WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper answers questions from members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission during a hearing Aug. 20 on Capitol Hill. The commission called the hearing to give members of the Defense Department a final opportunity to present testimony before the commission's final deliberations concerning their BRAC recommendations to the president.

Jumper: BRAC decisions a necessity for change

By 1st Lt. Tim Dougherty

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force chief of staff told the Base Realignment and Closure Commission on Aug. 20 that while many of the decisions related to base closure are “gut wrenching,” the changes are needed to allow the Air Force to continue to transform to meet the war-fighting demands of the 21st century. Voting for the Air Force deliberations was scheduled for Thursday.

“The decision to close many of these bases is very personal to me,” Gen. John P. Jumper said. “Many of us will feel the impact of these decisions. I lived at many of these bases as a kid while my dad was coming up through the ranks. However, this is the time for tough and bold decisions. It’s an opportunity that we must seize to allow us to continue to be able to respond to emerging missions around the world today.”

The Air Force has experienced BRAC rounds in the past, with the most recent occurring in 1995 after the Air Force shrunk by 200,000 Airmen. However, the general said, there are major differences between the Air Force’s current recommendations and those from past rounds.

“In 1995, the BRAC rounds were a consequence of decisions that had already been made relative to troop strength,” the general said. “The recommendations today are proactive. This round doesn’t only accommodate planned reductions. Instead, it allows us to reset our force, anticipate challenges and establish organizations we need for the future.”

General Jumper said the recommendations are both strategy and capability based, and they support the intent of the BRAC panel, which is to divest the Air Force of infrastructure it no longer needs, while improving the effectiveness and military value of retained assets.

“We know we’ll be a smaller force; however, we’ll be a more lethal force thanks to advancements in technology,” the general explained. “We know where and when and how we station our forces must change in order to enable the

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During Thursday’s deliberations, the BRAC commission voted to close:

Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Fort Gillem, Ga.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Monroe, Va.; U.S. Army Garrison, Selfridge, Mich.; Almost 400 Army Reserve and Army National Guard facilities, creating joint centers; Naval Station Pascagoula, Miss.; Naval Air Station Atlanta, Ga.; Naval Station Ingleside, Texas; and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

The panel voted to keep open: **Submarine Base New London, Conn.; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine; and Hawthorne Army Depot, Nev.**

The panel also voted to:

■ **Wait six months before deciding whether to close Oceana Naval Air Station, Va., giving local and state authorities time to make proposed changes to limit residential encroachment on the base;**

■ **Realign rather than close Red River Army Depot, Texas;**

■ **Keep the Night Vision Lab at Fort Belvoir, Va., instead of moving it to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; and**

■ **Order a study of the practicality of converting a chemical weapons incinerator to incinerate conventional munitions before deciding whether to close Deseret Chemical Depot, Utah.**

(American Forces Press Service)

transformation required by the new security environment.”

The general also said the BRAC recommendations were made with a single, total force — active, Guard and Reserve — in mind, and not just as a combination of individual components or representatives.

“The Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve are integral parts of the Air Force,” General Jumper said. “Maintaining an optimal mix of manpower and missions among components is key to their continued relevance and critical to their contribution to the finest Air Force in the world.”

Saying “we know what to do and we need to act,” General Jumper stressed to the panel that this round of BRAC

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Wingman, safety day set for Thursday

By Lt. Col. Dwayne Stich

509th Bomb Wing Director of Staff

Thursday has been designated Safety and Wingman Day here. Following the 8 a.m. wing promotion ceremony at Mission’s End, there will be a variety of guest speakers and presentations starting at 9:30 a.m. at the base theater you’re invited to attend.

The Safety office will start the day off with a video and presentation about the personal void felt by loved ones who have lost someone in an auto accident. It talks about how the accident could have been avoided. If an accident victim had been wearing a seatbelt — the perfect emphasis item as many of us head out for the last big holiday of the summer.

Alicia Ferris Dannenberg of the Health and Wellness Center will follow with a presentation on fitness and how to reduce stress that discusses improving the quality of your life.

Do you worry about your financial future? If so, Robin Smith from the Family Support Center will talk about a helpful retirement tool, the Thrift Savings Plan. TSP is a defined contribution program available for military members that can both help you save for retirement and reduce your tax bill at the same time. Along with a personal savings program like TSP, real estate may be the hottest investment market at the present time.

With all the interest in buying a house and joining the real estate market, Mr. Smith will also discuss the pitfalls to avoid and will give helpful tips on making a housing purchase go smoothly.

How many of you know what sexual assault response coordinators are? If you don’t, you will by Nov. 1, as all USAF personnel will be required to attend a workshop on SARC. Come by and meet Ann Beem, Whiteman’s SARC, and listen to her discuss this new program.

Finally, did you know we have a decorated hero in our midst? Senior Airman George Keen, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the 2005 Air Combat Command Pitsenbarger Heroism Award winner. Listen to Airman Keen talk about his experience when he was in a convoy attacked by Iraqi insurgents.

The presentations will end at noon. Individual squadrons are then encouraged to have burger-burns, picnics, etc., to foster wingman comradeship in their units.



Spirit file photo

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, speaks to the wing during Air Combat Command Wingman Day in November 2004. Whiteman hosts its own version of wingman day Thursday.

Wingman Day Schedule of Events Location: Base Theater

- 9:30 a.m. - Wing Safety brief
- 10 a.m. - Fitness and stress reduction
- 10:30 a.m. - Thrift Savings Plan discussion and house buying advice
- 11 a.m. - SARC brief
- 11:30-Motivational speaker, Senior Airman George Keen, 2005 ACC Pitsenbarger award winner

News in Brief

Construction to start Monday

Demolition of base housing on Ellsworth Lane is scheduled to begin Monday. The road from Houx Drive to Spirit Boulevard will be closed for 30 days. During this time, large construction equipment will be used. For more details, call Mike Roberts at 687-4229 or Earnie Macios at 687-6295.

BCC luncheon set

The next base community council luncheon begins at noon Sept. 8 at Mission’s End. Windsor, Mo., is the featured community. The menu is southwest chicken wrap with chips. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Sept. 6. No late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Melissa Klinkner at 687-6122.

MUNS schedules inventory

The Munitions Storage Area will be conducting a 100 percent inventory during the week of Sept. 12-16. All requests should be scheduled for no later than Sept. 9 so staff members can prepare for this inventory. Only valid emergency issue requests will be pro-

cessed during the duration of the inventory. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kevin Hendershot or Staff Sgt. Walter Swan at Munitions Surveillance at 687-4480 or 687-2510.

Air Force Ball set

The 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at Mission’s End. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Whiteman first sergeants. Attire is mess dress for military members and semi-formal for civilians. For more details, call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818.

Push-up contest scheduled

The Health and Wellness Center will sponsor a push-up competition at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the base gym to raise money for the American Heart Association. Contestants should arrive at 8:30 a.m. Pick up a sponsor card beforehand at the HAWC and your sponsors can donate an amount per push-up or a flat rate for the competition.

The highest number of push-ups performed by male and female competitors will earn a HAWC prize package, while top fundraisers qualify for prizes from the American Heart Association. For more details, call the HAWC at 687-3438.

Thank you letters from the Ford family

From a Mother's Heart,

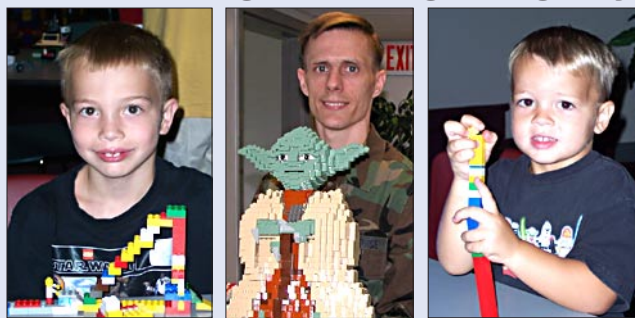
Luke was very special to me. He was the youngest of four sons. I have many happy memories of him. Evidently he was very special to the Air Force too. I cannot find the words to express how much it meant to me to have Chaplain (Maj.) Shane Gaster, 509th Bomb Wing; Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander; and Master Sgt. Michelle Thorsteinson, 509th MSS, walk through these dark days with me.

I'll always remember them and keep them in my prayers. I am very grateful to the Air Force for flying us to Missouri to spend Luke's last days with him. If a funeral can be beautiful, Luke's was. I know my daughter-in-law and my two grandsons will be watched over.

I truly believe even though Luke was taken at such a young age, he's gone home to be with the Lord and I take great consolation in that.

God bless you all,
Madeline Ford

Continuing the Lego legacy



Nathan (left) and Christian Ford (right) participate in the community center "Let go my Lego" competition Aug. 20. The boys continued the legacy of their lego enthusiast father, the late Tech. Sgt. Luke Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron. Sergeant Ford (center) built a one foot Yoda model made from 1,075 Lego pieces for the opening of Star Wars in May. Sergeant Ford died July 30 at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. He collapsed after an early morning run July 17 and never regained consciousness.

I would like to thank the entire Whiteman community for your prayers and support during the unexpected illness and death of my husband, Tech. Sgt. Luke Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron.

I would personally like to thank Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and his wife, Rhonda; Col. Connie Davis, 509th Mission Support Group commander; Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, and his wife, Deb; Chaplain (Maj.) Shane Gaster, 509th BW, and his wife, Ruby; Master Sgt. Michelle Thorsteinson, 509th MSS; Master Sgt. Darla Rush, 509th MSS; Tech. Sgt. Kristy Earls, 509th MSS; Staff Sgt. Tim Bouseman, 509th MSS; Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, 509th MSS; Leslie Corbett; 509th Contracting Squadron; and all the fine men and women of the 509th MSS.

You walked beside me and held me up during this difficult time, and for that I am very grateful. Thank you Whiteman for showing me what it means to be a part of the Air Force family.

God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lori Ford

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1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each month, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Matthew Cady

509th Security Forces Squadron

Change can be a good thing. When I speak at the newcomers briefing, I'm usually asked to describe the biggest change I have seen in the Air Force since I enlisted.

Having been in for more than 19 years, I have seen a lot of things come and go, and come again. I have seen fatigues give way to battle dress uniforms; I saw Strategic Air Command, Military Airlift Command and Tactical Air Command merge into Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command. I saw the mile and a half run go away and then be resurrected. I was around when the rank of sergeant went away and I witnessed the Berlin Wall falling as well as the end of the Cold War. But the one thing that has not changed is the impact people have on the Air Force.

I can remember the old timers commenting about the lack of work ethics and morals of my generation when I first came in, in much the same way we (new old timers) now talk about the new generation of troops. But now, like then, I don't believe it — are the troops today different then they were in my dad's or my brother's Air Force? Sure they are, and that is a good thing. But does that mean they lack ethics or morals? — not at all. It is up to the old generation to supervise and "mentor" each new generation that enters the Air Force, and also to encourage them to change with the times. Nothing ever stays the same, much to the dismay of some. It's up to each generation to improve and leave its mark on the Air Force, and also to remember and cherish the accomplishments and values of those who came before them.

There are those who view change as a bad thing. Imagine what it would be like today without change — we would still be segregated, women would have a minor if not a non-existent role, and who knows, we might still be part of the Army.

To stay the best Air Force in the world, we must invite change. Do not change it if it is not broken, but if it is, fix it. So the next time someone comes up to you and asks why we do something a certain way, don't say, "because it has always been done that way." If it no longer fits, change it or encourage your subordinates to change it.

Did you know...?

- The Commander's Access Channel programming offers current base information?
- You can tune into Channel 99 on base to view Air Force TV News, current weather and more?

Base members may submit information to:
commanders.channel@whiteman.af.mil

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proceedings is the most significant opportunity to take critical steps in the transformation process in his 39 years of service.

"Change is not easy and we know that," he said. "But we need to have the courage to take the steps we think need to be taken. It is my conviction that the Air Force recommendations taken together with the other service's recommendations are the right thing to do for the nation."

The hearings were the last formal opportunity for representatives from the Department of Defense to provide testimony before the panel sends a final version of the recommendations to President Bush by Sept. 8. The president can either reject the list or accept it without modifications. If he accepts the list, it is submitted to Congress, which can similarly accept or reject it.

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Protect your computer data before Sept. 19 area network cleanup

Many of us take technology for granted, especially the computers that make up our network and provide access to the Internet.

It takes a large amount of resources and people to keep our network running with the reliability and stability our mission requires.

To keep Whiteman's electronic infrastructure operating properly, the 509th Communications Squadron is transitioning from the current chaos of network storage management to an organized structure that will automatically enforce Air Combat Command and Whiteman policies regarding electronic storage.

Many base members utilize Whiteman's Storage Area Network to store files that are needed for their organization. These changes will ultimately provide you more space for the official data that you and your fellow Airmen use to perform your mission.

The changes are needed to bring the base in line with the ACC Storage Policy, along with Whiteman's SAN Policy. These policies define what types of data can be stored

on the SAN and how it is to be stored. Both policies can be found at https://intranet/509BW/MSG/509CS/SCN/ACC._storage_policy.doc..

Whiteman's current SAN structure is filled with both authorized and unauthorized files that bog down the network, inhibiting proper use of the SAN.

To enforce these policies and cleanup the SAN, the 509th CS will be transitioning each unit's authorized files to a new folder structure on the SAN beginning Sept. 19. This new structure is designed to enforce the policies listed above and as part of the transition; all unauthorized files **will be deleted**.

In preparation for this transition, we ask that you work with your workgroup manager to review all of your files on the SAN. If you find an unauthorized file, you and your WM have several options;

- ◆ Delete all of your files that are not necessary such as multimedia and old documents.

- ◆ Archive important data onto a floppy disk, CD, DVD or local hard drives. All documents not accessed for two

years will be deleted; archive them if they are important.

- ◆ Move all official records to your electronic file plan under Electronic Records Management. These files will fall under records management rules so get with your unit's record manager to verify current guidelines.

- ◆ Move and re-map personal PSTs (Microsoft Outlook data file) to your hard drive. Organizational PSTs will be moved to an authorized location on the SAN.

With your active involvement, we can make this a smooth transition. The end result will be a structured, organized SAN that will allow users to easily find the data they need, WMs to monitor and maintain their organization's files and the 509th CS to enforce guiding policies and provide the stability and reliability needed to complete the mission.

In order to ensure a smooth SAN transition, units need to complete their moves by Sept. 16. Contact your WM as soon as possible.

For more details, contact the 509th CS help desk at 687-5666. (*Information courtesy of 509th CS*)

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Expeditionary Spirit Award



Senior Airman Melissa Foye

Col. Matthew Erichsen

Senior Airman Melissa Foye

36th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Senior Airman Melissa Foye, 36th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Matthew Erichsen, 36th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, Aug. 19.

Master Sgt. Vincent Miller, 36th EMS, nominated Airman Foye for the award.

Airman Foye, a non-destructive inspector, is currently deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Sergeant Miller said Airman Foye worked 12-hour shifts to support the hot trailing of edge tile replacements on the *Spirit of Oklahoma*. Her efforts helped verify 17 properly bonded tiles, returning the aircraft to full mission capable status.

Airman Foye displayed her dedication again, working extended shifts on the *Spirit of Hawaii*, Sergeant Miller said. Her efforts helped ensure the stealth capability of the aircraft.

“Airman Foye demonstrates the best that Whiteman has to offer,” Sergeant Miller said. “She’s professional, dedicated and enthusiastic. Her ‘can do’ attitude and commitment to excellence are priceless as we tackle the arduous task of maintaining the B-2.”

Personally Speaking

Time on station: 3 years

Time in service: 3 years, 5 months

Hometown: Boston, Mass.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and making people laugh.

Goals: Make the military a career and finish school with a master’s degree in business.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people I work with. We are like a big family. This is my home away from home.

Pet Peeves: Ignorance, liars and people who do the bare minimum.

What motivates your winning spirit? Knowing that what I do makes a difference. You set the mood for the day. I love what I do and I am proud to be a part of the military. We feed off other people’s attitudes. I try to set the standard for younger Airmen who come to Whiteman.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman what would it be? I don’t think that I would change anything about Whiteman. It’s all what you make of it. If you have it set in your mind that you don’t like Whiteman or any other place, you will have a miserable time there.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to “make it happen.”

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

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Reusing the used



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Tom Kamphefner, a Tad employee, drops off a recycling bin to be emptied. There are around 100 large recycling receptacles on base. They are all serviced weekly and some are serviced three times a day.

Correction:

In the Aug. 19 issue of the Whiteman Spirit, the pickup days for recycling containers in base housing where incorrectly listed on Page 12. The correct pickup days are: Tuesday for Midland, Wednesday for Lakeside, Thursday for Woodview and Friday for Ridgeview.

DUI-free



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Members of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron celebrate, adding their unit's sticker to the 509th Bomb Wing's challenge driving under the influence board near the Spirit Gate. The 509th LRS have gone DUI free for six months.

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data protected."

In the meantime, AFPC officials said officers may login to the virtual military personnel flight at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to see if their information was viewed. If it was, they will receive a pop-up banner after login which will provide additional information.

The small number of enlisted Airmen who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly. Airmen may also go online to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on "AMS Information" to determine if their personal information was viewed.

Officials also said Airmen may decide to follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Sept. 1, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually. To request this free report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com/.

Any Airman who believes he or she has become a victim of identity theft should contact the local base OSI and legal office. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)*

A-10, from Page 1

ing in late 2007.

Spiral One will improve target acquisition, battlefield situational awareness and weapon employment and includes the integration of smart weapons, a targeting pod, a new central computer, and color displays.

"Before Spiral One, there really wasn't a whole lot of software in the jet," Major Leonard said. "It was all analog. When we're finished, we'll be in the normal cycle of upgrades for software just like the other fighter platforms."

Future upgrades proposed for the A-10 include a Situational Awareness Datalink

system, a Joint Tactical Radio System datalink system, and engine upgrades.

"This is an exciting time for the squadron," Major Leonard said. "Some of our top priorities include getting PE Spiral One fielded, PUP and Spiral Two on contract, and developing an A-10 roadmap so we can strategically plan the integration of new capabilities."

"Overlaying all of this, however, is getting a squadron stood up so we can field capabilities, which means getting the personnel and skills in place to get the job done."



The Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessments team put Whiteman under the microscope last week, in a five-day review of force protection and antiterrorism capabilities. Jeff Poe, a missile specialist helping out the JSIVA team, observes Whiteman aircraft with a simulated Man Portable Air Defense System. The MANPAD is one of the most readily available technologies on the black market.

Story by 2nd Lt. Candace Cutrufo
Public Affairs

A black Suburban edged along the tree line on Highway 23 last week, surveying the Spirit Gate with camera equipment capable of shooting five frames per second.

All-terrain vehicles whizzed down D Highway, their operators determined to break the base perimeter. Planes flew over your head with video capabilities, mapping the base terrain, plotting to exploit security weaknesses.

Driving through the gate, blinded by routine, you went about your daily business. You did not report the perpetrators, and luckily, they were on our side this time.

The Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessments team combed the base in a five-day review of Whiteman's security measures last week, all in an effort to ensure the premier protection of the world's premier bomber.

"Every bit of information is like a piece of a puzzle," said Army Col. Juan Orama, JSIVA team chief. "Terrorists are very patient in collecting information, and slowly but surely, they put together their puzzle."

"Time is on their side," he said. "That's why we need to do our job right 100 percent of the time because we never know when a terrorist will strike."

Seven diverse members comprise the JSIVA team, each recruited for their refined expertise in a specialty, whether it be terrorist operations, emergency management or structural engineering.

The JSIVA team is a part of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, which annually conducts more than 80 assessments of DOD installations worldwide. Each base will find itself under the JSIVA force protection microscope every three years on average.

The team assessed Whiteman from a friendly and enemy perspective, including review of aerial maps, ground reconnaissance, overhead imagery and interaction with local agencies and base personnel.

"The end goal of the assessment is to improve overall posture as it relates to force protection and antiterrorism," Colonel Orama said.

On this visit, the JSIVA team donned a "good hat," working with Whiteman troops, local law enforcement and emergency medical personnel to test our collective readiness in the face of terrorist scenarios.

They also wore a "bad hat," trying to break into base on foot and in a vehicle that housed fake bombs.

Their enemy eyes observed aircraft through the sights of a simulated Man Portable Air Defense System, a weapon readily available on the terrorist black market, wing antiterrorism officer Mike Wilson said.

"Antiterrorism flavors everything we do now," Mr. Wilson said. "They are trying very hard to infiltrate us every day."



Mr. Wilson said awareness was heightened following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks, but has since tapered off. He warns us not to let our guard down.

"All Americans are targets ... complacency is what will kill us," he said. "From the terrorist's perspective, we have three strikes against us: we're American, we're DOD members and we wear uniforms."

Have a balanced attitude toward antiterrorism culture, Mr. Wilson said.

"There is a fine line between awareness and paranoia," he said. "If you're paranoid, the terrorists have won. Fear is their goal."

Colonel Orama of the JSIVA team said to report suspicious activity quickly to OSI or Security Forces, as your action may mean the difference between life and death.

"An individual has a considerable amount of power to stop a terrorist threat," he said.

Our best defense is to be aware of our surroundings, know the force protection conditions and observe them, Mr. Wilson said.

"Treat FPCONs like weather warnings," he said. "You wouldn't be out mowing your lawn during a tornado warning and you shouldn't be (mowing your lawn) during FPCON Delta."

"You have to rely on yourself. You're in uniform," Mr. Wilson said. "You have to take responsibility to protect yourself and DOD property." □

The JSIVA team monitors Spirit Gate activities, ensuring gate guards follow proper entrance procedures. The first JSIVA team of experts was formed to standardize force protection in 1997 as a product of the DOD report on the 1996 terrorist attack on Khobar Towers, Saudi Arabia. Inset: Though a line of cars wait to enter base, Senior Airman John Kinsella, 509th Security Forces Squadron, takes care to check an entrant's military ID card.

If you see suspicious activity on or around Whiteman, call 509th Security Forces Law Enforcement at 687-3700.

“ALL AMERICANS ARE TARGETS ... COMPLACENCY IS WHAT WILL KILL US.”

509th Bomb Wing antiterrorism officer

—MIKE WILSON

Commonly used weapons

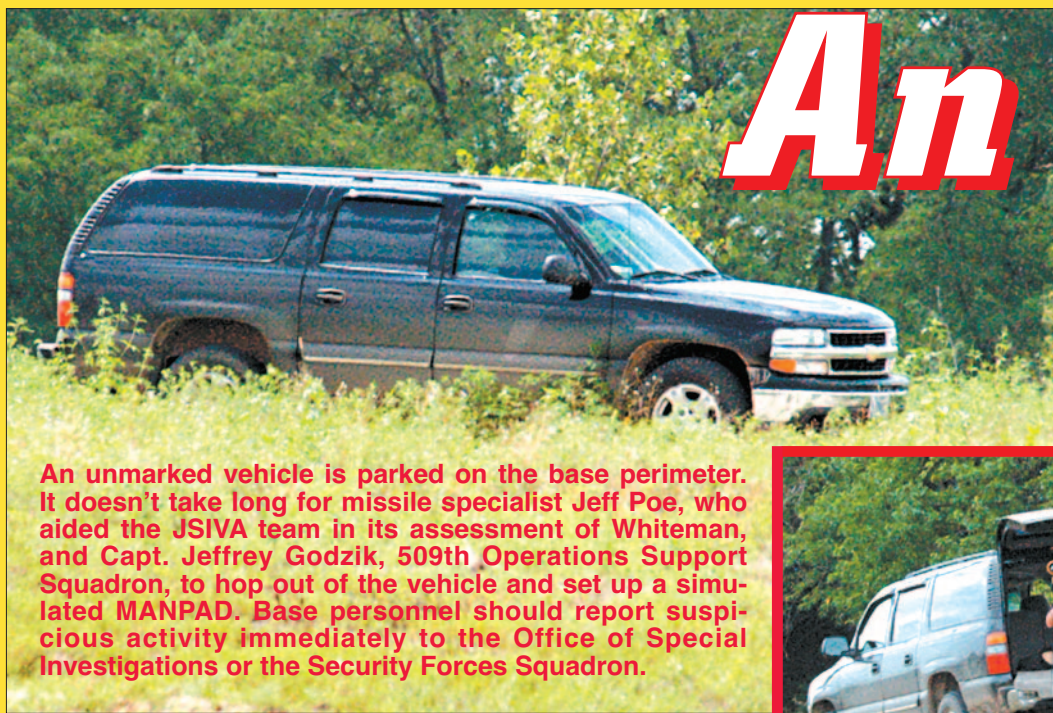
More than 500,000 Man Portable Air Defense Systems are circulating the world today. MANPADS are attractive to terrorists because they are highly portable and concealable. Early versions of the MANPADS can be purchased on the black market for several thousand dollars. MANPADS are around 5 feet long and weigh 30 to 40 pounds, fitting easily in the back of a truck or a golf club bag. Here are some common models.



SA-7 Grail
Fielded by the Soviet Union military in 1968, the SA-7 is among the least sophisticated and most highly proliferated MANPADS. The SA-7 has a passive infrared homing device that homes in on the infrared energy emissions of an aircraft.



RPG-7 Rocket Propelled Grenade
Although the RPG-7 is not guided, it is one of the most proliferated weapons on the black market. It is light enough to be carried and fired by a single operator. The RPG-7 has a 300 meter effective range against moving targets.



An unmarked vehicle is parked on the base perimeter. It doesn't take long for missile specialist Jeff Poe, who aided the JSIVA team in its assessment of Whiteman, and Capt. Jeffrey Godzik, 509th Operations Support Squadron, to hop out of the vehicle and set up a simulated MANPAD. Base personnel should report suspicious activity immediately to the Office of Special Investigations or the Security Forces Squadron.



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Employee of the Week



Lori Pitts, 509th Services Squadron, is the Whiteman Spirit Civilian Employee of the Week. Mrs. Pitts filled out necessary paperwork for enough beverages to support the Whiteman Airmen's Bash in July. "She went above and beyond to help us out," said Senior Airman Leila Hemenway, 509th Bomb Wing. "She took her own time to ensure we had the proper paperwork. Her efforts helped to improve Airmen morale and make the event successful."

■ To nominate a civilian employee, send an e-mail to whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil. Be sure to include why this person is being nominated.

Whiteman youth receives honor

By Army 2nd Lt. Nathan Smith

Missouri Army National Guard

SEDALIA — Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt, Army Brig. Gen. King Sidwell, Missouri adjutant general, and Army Col. John Cairer, Missouri director of military relations, honored the sacrifice that some Missouri youth have made while their parents are deployed Aug. 18.

The children were given "heroes packs," a backpack with various other items from books to school supplies, to games. A table was set up for children and adults to make cards for the deployed soldiers. MOREnet, a data and video network based in Columbia, Mo., also set up some computers so letters and e-mail could be written and sent to our deployed soldiers.

General Sidwell became emotional as he addressed the children.

"Your parents are serving as heroes in the military," General Sidwell said.

This event was put together by a group called Operation Military Kids. The organization helps children of deployed soldiers cope with the changes in their lives. The program is run in Missouri by Mary Jo Williams of Columbia, through the 4-H. The program connects children in similar situations and gives them a support structure to help adjust to having their mother, father or both deployed.

Allison Hamm, daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class Teddy Hamm, Co. A, 1-135th Battalion, talked about what it is like having a deployed parent.

"I had to take on more responsibility, from yard work to a lot of little chores," Allison said.

Blunt spoke to the group and thanked the families for the support of their loved ones. He also thanked Operation Military Kids for giving the children a place to go and talk about the changes in their lives.



Photo by Army 2nd Lt. Nathan Smith

Allison Hamm, daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class Teddy Hamm, 1-135th Battalion, Missouri Army National Guard, shakes hands with Army Col. John Cairer. Ms. Hamm was honored for her sacrifices during her father's deployment.

SGLI increases to \$400,000 Thursday

New legislation recently signed by the president increases the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 effective Thursday.

Who will be affected?

If you are serving on active duty, or are a participating member of the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserves on Thursday, you will be automatically covered to \$400,000, even if you previously declined or elected lesser or no coverage.

Will I need to fill out a new SGLI form?

Yes, if you do not want the \$400,000 SGLI coverage. After Thursday, you will need to submit a new SGLV Form 8286 if you decide to reduce your coverage, decline coverage or to change your beneficiary designation(s). Now is a perfect time to review your current SGLI Beneficiary Designation to make sure your information is current. Your previous SGLI Beneficiary Designations remain in effect and in the same proportions until you make a new beneficiary designation. If your current SGLI Beneficiary Designation is correct and you choose to retain the maximum SGLI \$400,000 coverage, you do not need to take any action. You may make changes by submitting a SGLV Form 8286 to your CSS, MPF or PERSCO team.

What if I don't want the maximum coverage of \$400,000?

Any member who wishes to decline or elect less coverage should visit their unit's commander support staff (CSS), base Military Personnel Flight (MPF) or if deployed, your Personnel for Contingency Operation (PERSCO) team, and complete a new SGLV Form 8286. This form will be available Thursday. If you complete and submit the new form on or after Thursday and before Sept. 30, you will not be liable for the September 2005 premium associated with the reduced or declined portion of coverage. As this new coverage does not become effective until Thursday, the earliest date you can reduce or decline coverage is Thursday.

What if I complete the SGLV Form 8286 on or after Oct. 1?

If you do not make an election to reduce or decline coverage from \$400,000 level before Oct. 1, you will be charged for the full \$400,000 coverage for September (\$26) as well as for any other month in which the level of coverage remains in effect. You are liable for the full premium through the end of the month in which the election was filed.

As a married member, can I designate a primary beneficiary other than my spouse?

While you may choose who you want to receive your SGLI, you have a responsibility to provide for the welfare of all your dependents. Electing SGLI coverage for your spouse can provide that needed measure of financial security. No changes will be made to your previous beneficiary election unless you submit a new SGLV Form 8286 and make the change.

Important notice: If you are a married member and designate a primary beneficiary other than your current lawful spouse, or elect to decline or reduce SGLI coverage after Thursday, the new law requires your spouse be notified. MPFs are responsible for ensuring an advisory notification letter is sent to your spouse.

What coverage amount will be available?

The monthly SGLI premium remains at \$3.25 per \$50,000 of coverage and members can elect coverage in increments of \$50,000. The monthly premium for full coverage of \$400,000 will be \$26.

How will the increase affect Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veteran Group Life Insurance members?

These changes will not affect coverage under FSGLI. Members in the VGLI Program before Thursday will also not be affected, however all separating service members covered under SGLI on or after Thursday in an amount greater than \$250,000 will be able to convert to VGLI at the new higher level.

Why is this new SGLI coverage automatic without

my written consent?

Because it's the law. Section 1012 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13, May 11, 2005) increases the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum coverage to \$400,000 effective Thursday.

This law nullifies all elections made before Thursday with respect to the members' level of coverage. In effect, all coverage elections made before Thursday are null and void. The new program provides automatic maximum coverage at \$400,000 and enrolls everyone eligible for SGLI coverage into this new program until they make a new coverage election starting Thursday. A 30-day grace period is provided allowing members to decline or reduce their level of SGLI and incur no additional premium cost.

Why does Congress put the responsibility on service members to make a new coverage election if declining or reducing coverage every time the maximum SGLI benefit is increased?

The rationale behind automatic coverage is simple and historically grounded. Prior to 1996, SGLI program changes were not automatic and required members make a new election if they wanted the increased benefit for their families. Unfortunately, some members died before they applied for the increased coverage causing surviving families to suffer financially because they did not receive the increased benefit.

On April 1, 1996, Congress, in response to many complaints from surviving families, decided all future increases would be automatic, thereby requiring service members to make an election to reduce or decline the new coverage. Since 1996, this process has favored survivors of the deceased over any minor inconvenience the member incurs and ensures future SGLI program changes do not negatively affect surviving family members.

For more details, call the military personnel flight at 687-6426. (Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center)

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What's Happening		
Cub Scout's meet Monday <p>Whiteman's Cub Scout Pack 405 will hold its Scout Round-up Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Whiteman Elementary. Boys grades 1-5 can attend with their parents to learn more about scouting or to join. For more details, call Sarah Roy at 233-3162 or Scott Armstead at 233-2714.</p> AWANA kids scheduled <p>The Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed group will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. at the base chapel Sunday. AWANA is a Bible-study teaching children scripture. Openings are available for children in kindergartners through high schoolers.</p>	<p>There's a waiting list for 3- and 4-year-olds. There are openings for teachers and assistants, including a teacher team opening for the 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration forms are available at the base chapel. For more details, call the chapel at 687-3652.</p> Walk-a-thon scheduled <p>The American Heart Association is having their annual Johnson County Heart Walk on Sept. 10 in Warrensburg. The event is a three-mile run or walk that will start in the Western Missouri Medical Center parking lot and continue into downtown. Nationally, heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death and stroke is No. 3.</p> <p>This walk will raise money to combat these two life</p>	<p>threatening medical issues. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Team captains are also needed. To sign up or for more details, call Staff Sgt. Timothy Bouseman at 687-5761, 864-6043, or e-mail at timothy.bouseman@whiteman.af.mil.</p> WIC representative visits base <p>A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.</p> <p>For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.</p>

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TRICARE Prime adds provider flexibility, at additional cost

The Point-of-Service option of TRICARE Prime and Prime Remote plans adds a measure of flexibility for active-duty family members, but this flexibility comes at an additional cost.

Simply put, POS allows Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries to choose to receive TRICARE-covered, non-emergency services outside of the TRICARE Prime network of providers without a referral from their Primary Care Manager or an authorization from TriWest Healthcare Alliance by paying an additional deductible and cost-share.

Typically, the POS option is used for a one-time visit to a non-network provider without a pre-authorization.

POS cost-sharing applies for those beneficiaries who receive urgent or specialty care without either a referral from their PCM or an authorization from TriWest; when they receive routine care while traveling; or when electing to have prescriptions filled at a non-network civilian pharmacy.

Using the POS option results in higher out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries. When using the POS option, TRICARE Prime and TPR beneficiaries are responsible for an annual deductible (for outpatient care) of \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a family. After the deductible is satisfied, the cost-share is 50 percent of the TRICARE allowable charge.

The cost-share applies to both inpatient and outpatient services. Any additional charges by non-network providers also become the beneficiary's responsibility: up to 15 percent above the allowable charge, as permitted by law. Deductibles and POS

cost-sharing may also apply to services received from a TRICARE Prime network provider if the care is not pre-authorized.

For example, if a beneficiary's annual deductible has been met, and the visit costs and the TRICARE allowable charge is \$500, the beneficiary must pay the 50 percent of the remaining POS charge, or \$250.

Additionally, POS costs are not applied toward the annual catastrophic cap. So, using this option can be very expensive.

Beneficiaries should make every effort to avoid expensive POS charges by contacting their PCM for a referral before seeking care. TriWest will notify both the provider and the beneficiary when authorization is given.

The POS option does not apply to emergency situations. Beneficiaries in an emergency situation should immediately go or be taken to the nearest emergency care facility.

The POS option also does not apply to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries. Active duty service members are also not eligible to use the POS option. Active duty service members who visit a civilian provider without a referral from their military treatment facility or the military medical support office, Great Lakes, Ill., will be denied payment of claims. In those cases, the ADSM will be required to pay all costs and will not be reimbursed by the government.

More information on POS and other TRICARE benefit information can be found at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> or <http://www.triwest.com>. (Courtesy of TriWest Healthcare Alliance)

Mirror, mirror on the wall



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Heather Otto paints during some remodeling at the youth center Saturday. Youth center staff remodel the rooms every year to offer a different environment to get the children excited for the new school year. The youth center currently has openings available for before and after school care. Fees are based on income and cover meals and supplies. The youth center's program is accredited by the National After School Association and licensed by the Department of Defense. Mrs. Otto is the 509th Services Squadron school age program coordinator at the youth center. For more details, call the youth center at 687-5586.

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Her brother survived Black Hawk Down, only to be shot down in Iraq 12 years later. Her grandfather was a belly-gunner during World War II. Now, Senior Airman Gina Weaver carries on her family's military tradition.

Continuing the LEGACY

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Gina Weaver is not a war hero like her three Soldier brothers. The 21-year-old senior airman doesn't define herself with medals or battle scars. But like her three older brothers, she shares a love of family, the outdoors and of country.

While growing up in a military family in central Florida and southern Alabama she'd heard their stories.

Her older brothers, Steve and Aaron, were proud Army Rangers and helicopter pilots, and her brother Ryan was an intelligence analyst and pilot. She said they always seemed to be off in places few Americans but those in uniform dare to tread: Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq. Her father, Mike, served in the Marine Corps, and her grandfather, E. Wayne, fought the Japanese in the West Pacific during World War II.

One of seven girls in the Weaver family, she became the only one to join her brothers in service. She too grew up a proud American, but she wanted to do something more. So following graduation from Citrus High School in Inverness, Fla. in 2002, she enlisted in the Air Force.

"She didn't go in to see what the Air Force could do for her," said her brother, Ryan, a 32-year-old Army warrant officer stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. "She went in for the right reasons ... to serve her country."

She became a military policeman assigned to Whiteman's security forces squadron. The arduous task of augmenting perimeter security in the weapons storage area was her first taste of the military. This stressful duty didn't faze Airman Weaver.

"I don't think Gina feels she needs to prove anything to anybody," Ryan Weaver said. "She stands on her own."

Fallen Soldier

Aaron Weaver was 12 years old when his half-sister, Gina, was born.

While his baby sister learned to take her first steps, Aaron pounded pavement on the school track, kicked soccer balls and dreamed of joining the Army.

Aaron was the lucky one in the Weaver clan. He earned his chance to serve in the Army's elite, joining the Ranger ranks in 1991.

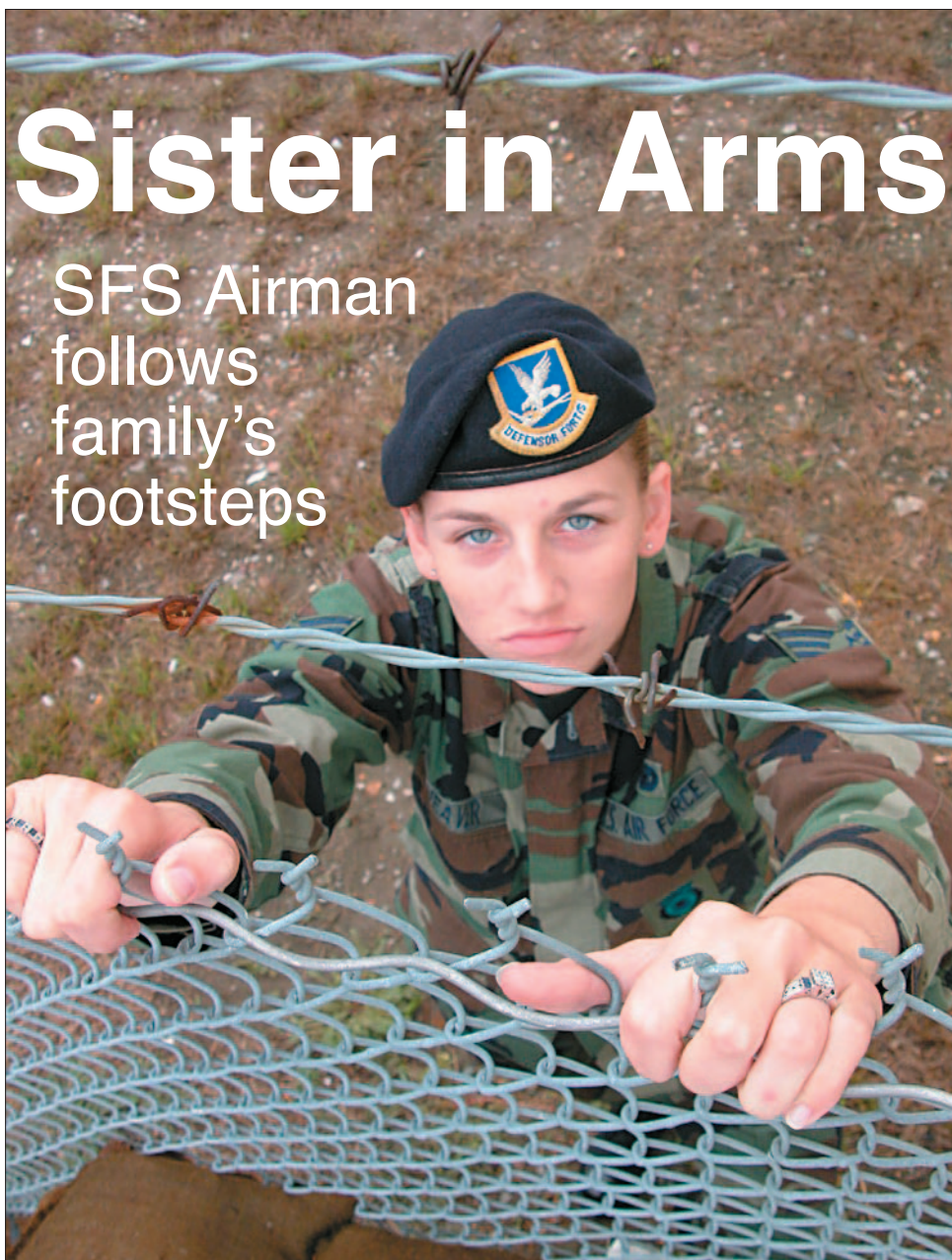


Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Senior Airman Gina Weaver, 509th Security Forces Squadron, comes from a line of U.S. service members. Her brother, Aaron, an Army warrant officer, was killed in Iraq in January 2004. Her father, Mike is an ex-Marine and her grandfather served in the Army-Air Corps.

In 1993, he survived an ambush that killed 18 of his fellow Soldiers on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, infamously known as the Black Hawk Down incident. He was later interviewed for the film by the same name.

In 2002, doctors diagnosed him with testicular cancer, withering away his frame to 115 pounds. But he underwent three

surgeries, signed a medical waiver and deployed for Iraq in late 2003. While deployed, he had to take regular blood checks in case the cancer returned.

"He didn't have to go to Iraq," Airman Weaver said. "But he wanted to be there for his brothers."

"That boy didn't know the word quit," Mike said of his son.

Sister in Arms

SFS Airman follows family's footsteps

Then the unthinkable happened.

On Jan. 8, 2004, Aaron joined eight of his fellow Soldiers in a medical evacuation. His helicopter flew just south of Fallujah riding to Baghdad for his bi-monthly blood check. Suddenly, a surface-to-air-missile struck the chopper. Aaron and the other eight passengers were killed. He was 32.

"It was a shock," Airman Weaver said.

She returned to Inverness to help her family bury her brother. The funeral hit the Weaver family hard, but Airman Weaver did not shed many tears.

"(Aaron's death) hit us all deeply," Ryan said. "Gina was a little bit more strong."

Instead of showing her emotions, she spent time consoling her late brother's family. He left behind a wife, a daughter and a son.

"The girls are as tough as the boys in this family," Mike Weaver said. "Gina was devastated. She is the most tenderhearted in the family, but she didn't show that."

Next in family line

Airman Weaver keeps a picture of her brothers Aaron and Ryan on her desk in the 509th SFS headquarters.

She said the photo keeps her going. With many SFS troops deployed worldwide, the troops on the homefront are heavily tasked.

As a physical security assistant, she helps maintain security devices on restricted areas and entry control points.

During exercises, she must endure 18-hour work days, seven days a week. Her supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Shane Holtz, said he's never heard a complaint from Airman Weaver.

Airman Weaver said she makes a small sacrifice compared to that of her late brother.

"When things get rough, I think of what my brothers went through," Airman Weaver said. "They are the bravest people I know and I admire everything they've done throughout their careers. They're my heroes." □



Aaron Weaver

"When things get rough, I think of what my brothers went through."

Airmen drop much-needed supplies to Soldiers, Marines

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFP) — Airmen from the 745th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron traveled to the eastern region of Afghanistan on Aug. 23 to resupply Soldiers and Marines who are helping Afghanistan prepare for elections Sept. 18.

The mission, which included the delivery of more than 39,000 pounds of cargo, is just one of numerous deliveries made throughout Afghanistan.

The C-130's capabilities to handle rough terrain and dirt strips make it uniquely qualified for this type of mission. These assets led to the decision to have the C-130 aircraft and crews from the 745th EAS relocate here.

"While here, we remain on ... standby for (Soldiers), Marines and (Afghan forces) ... ensuring the success of this country's upcoming free elections," said Maj. Jay

Brawka, 745th EAS aircraft commander and deployed mission commander.

The crew, which deployed here Aug. 10, has flown supply missions since its arrival. Having a crew closer to areas that need C-130 cargo drops provides a quick reaction force to make sure those needing supplies have it.

"We're the long-haul truckers of the sky," said Maj. Clayne Bradley, a 745th EAS navigator. "We get the stuff there so people can use it."

"The airlift community understands the importance of ensuring the beans, butter and bullets make it to the troops in the field on time, every time," said Maj. John Boccieri, 745th EAS pilot and tactics officer. "The Air Force, Army and Marines jointly plan these airdrops and utilize the high-altitude airdrop capabilities."

Airlift operations are increasingly essential as Afghan forces gradually become self sufficient in maintaining the safety and security of the region.

"The (Afghan forces) have demonstrated their abilities with great success," said Marine Lt. Col. James Donnellan, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment. "The willingness and professionalism of the (Afghan forces) to engage the enemy will ensure success for the security of Afghanistan."

For continued success, getting supplies to the field is critical.

"Making these missions a reality relies on the joint efforts of the Afghanistan National Army forces, (Soldiers and Marines) and many other players," Major Brawka said.

Those involved in the missions include Airmen at the operations center, the control tower, intelligence troops, aircrew, maintainers and Army parachute riggers.

The duration of the mission here is dependent on the need in the field. But regardless of how long they are here, the joint, combined and coalition forces are committed to making it a success, officials said.

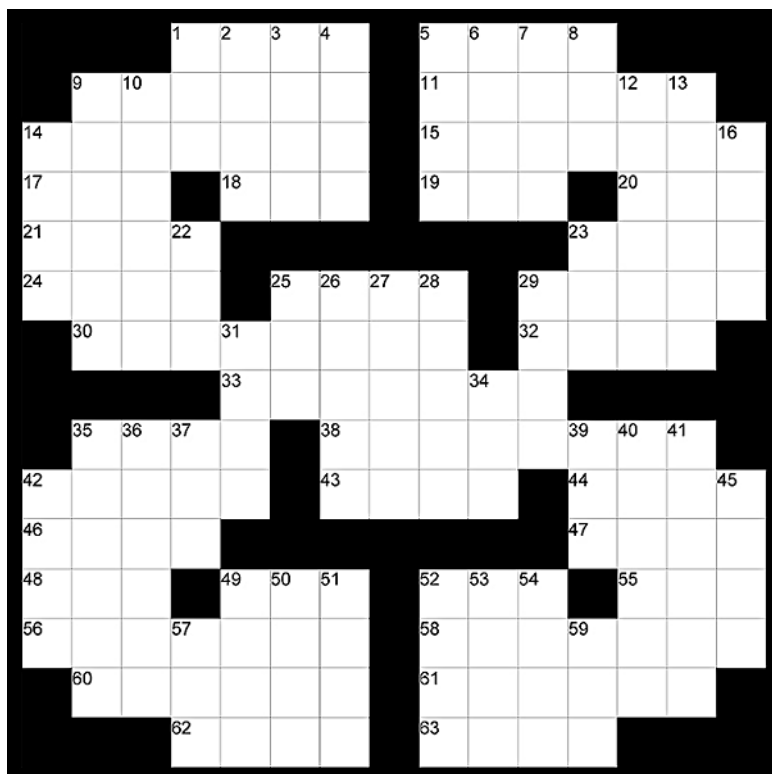
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Air Force Pioneers of the '60s

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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31. Moonstruck actress
34. Op or surreal
35. Col. Bernard ____; first air



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36. Old Testament prophet
37. Dem. opponent
39. Shaq's org.
40. Male or female reproductive cell
41. Actress Stone
42. Charts
45. De-ice
49. Dim
50. From scratch
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52. Sign of regret
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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Boater safety class

There's still time this summer to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. The next classes are 1-5 p.m. Sept. 1 for pontoon boat training and 8 a.m.-noon Sept. 10 for ski boat.

Lawnmower servicing

Outdoor recreation now offers non-ride on mower servicing. The \$25 cost does not include parts.

Volksmarch 2005

Sign up by Sept. 15 for the 10K run or walk around Knob Noster state park. The Volksmarch starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 17, participants should bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with their fellow walkers after the event. There will be an opportunity to purchase 2005 and previous years' medals.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Free fitness assessment

The fitness center is offering a free fitness assessment to anyone curious about their physical condition. Call Tech. Sgt. Richard Bodine or Staff Sgt. Loren Van Pelt.

Equipment orientation class

Learn proper use of the cardio and selectorized weight equipment at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more information.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Kansas City Renaissance Festival

The annual renaissance festival begins Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs, Kan. Tickets will be available soon from the tickets and travel office.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Monthly club coin special

This month's club coin special is a pitcher of Budweiser*, Budweiser Light* or Miller Light* for just \$4 when purchased between 4-8 p.m. and a club coin is shown. To purchase a coin speak to a Mission's End staff member.

College football

College football at the club kicks off on Thursday. Football fans can watch their favorite teams on the 10 big screens in the Lavene lounge, free for club members. Lounge food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Movie Schedule

Friday

Bad News Bears 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring-Billy Bob Thornton and Greg Kinnear

Saturday

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring-Johnny Depp and Freddie Highmore

Sunday

The Devil's Reject 5:30 p.m. R
Starring- Sid Haig and Bill Moseley

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.
For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Royal Oaks 687-5573

Steak night at Royal Oaks

Steak night will take place 5-8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday at the Royal Oaks club house starting tonight. Come along and try out this brand new evening venue.

Labor Day Tournament

Sign up by Aug. 30 for the Royal Oaks labor day tournament.

The tournament shotgun starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 5. Duffer's Grill will be open all day for sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and sacks.



Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Craft fair

The arts and crafts center craft fair starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mission's End. Come and shop for handmade crafts.

Online gallery

This is the last week to submit work for the Air Force online gallery. Bring entries in any medium along to the arts and crafts center by Wednesday. Entries will be displayed throughout September before being forwarded to the Air Force for consideration for the gallery. The theme is "Military life."

Summer sale

The arts and crafts center is having a huge end of season sale with up to 70 percent off selected shop merchandise. Come and browse the bargains all month.

Labor Day closure

The arts and crafts center and auto hobby will be closed Sept. 3-5 for Labor Day.

Teen Center 687-5819

Arts and crafts

There is a teen arts and crafts session taking place 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the teen center. Projects will include making a dream catcher, candle making and picture collages.

Friday night flicks

Kick back, relax, grab the popcorn and enjoy a great movie on the big screen at the teen center. The film starts at 6 p.m. tonight. This month's theme is comedy.

Youth Center 687-5586

Back to school bash

The youth center back to school party for kindergarten-fourth grade will take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. tonight at the youth center. There will be Bingo, great school prizes, crafts and games. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

ACC pre-teen lock in

Fifth-seventh graders should bring their pillows and sleeping bags for this all-night party at the youth center. ACC bases around the country will be participating at the same time and there will be lots of inter-base competitions and games. Food and drinks will be provided by the youth center. The party takes place 9 p.m. Saturday-7 a.m. Sunday and costs \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers.

Dentokan karate

Learn self-defense, conditioning, stress relief and self-discipline with Dentokan karate training. Beginner and advanced classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the youth center. Sign ups are ongoing and the cost is \$25 per month for members and \$32 per month for nonmembers.

Community Center 687-5617

Madden video challenge

There will be a Madden video challenge competition for players over 16 at 2 p.m. Saturday at the community center. The cost is \$2 and prizes will be awarded to the top three players.

Art day

Budding artists aged 8-17 can bring along their favorite medium to create a work of art for display at the Community Center. The event starts at 2 p.m. Sept. 3. There will be prizes and ribbons for each age category and a free family movie and popcorn afterwards.

Ballroom dancing class

Hone your foxtrot in preparation for the Air Force Ball with a professionally taught dance lesson. The class will take place 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6 at Mission's End.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children. The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

Family child care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 12-16. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Pick up a registration package from the family child care office by Sept. 8.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental enrichment program

The child development center's pre-school enrichment program will recommence in September. The program is designed to foster language development, social-emotional development, self-help skills, gross and fine motor skills and cognitive development. Parents can sign up their 3-or 4-year-olds at the Child Development Center.

Library 687-6217

Test preparation

Test preparation guides and practice exams are available from the library and online at www.WhitemanAFBlibrary.org. The guides available include both College Level Examination Program and DANTES exam guides and recommended textbooks. For more information, call the base library.

Learn a language

Learn European languages, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese or Korean with the help of library resources. Books, audio CDs and cassettes are all available for loan or try out the online learning resource, Rosetta Stone online. Call the library for more information.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Summer pet safety

By following a few safety tips owners can keep their pets healthy and happy in the sun.

❖ On humid days bring pets indoors. The humidity interferes with animals' ability to rid themselves of excess heat.

❖ Keep an eye out for signs of heatstroke. These might include: panting; staring; anxious expression; refusal to obey commands; warm dry skin; high fever; rapid heartbeat; vomiting and collapse.

If heatstroke is suspected, call your veterinarian immediately. Also apply towels soaked in cool water to hairless areas of the pet's body (armpits, groin etc.)

